

# WA Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (WECCWG)

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# Why we are here

• #1 For the citizens of WA State

#2 Required by the CEMP



## Purpose of the WECCWG

To forge and strengthen our public, private, and tribal partnerships to enhance emergency communications preparedness statewide.



## The WECCWG Vision

A community of technology professionals working together to provide reliable and resilient emergency communications for Washington State in times of crisis.

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## Goals

1. Understand the threats we face in WA State

2. Know one another

3. Plan and exercise together

4. Establish and maintain WA State ESF 2 roster



## 1. Understand the threats we face in WA State

#### **Natural**

- Earthquake
- Wildfires
- Wind and Ice Storms
- Flooding
- Avalanche
- Landslide
- Volcano
- Tsunami

#### **Technological**

- Cyber
- Hazardous Materials
- Pipelines
- Public Health
- Terrorism
- Urban Fire
- Dam Safety



#### 2. Know one another

- Establish active, healthy liaison contacts
- Understand what each agency provides to the larger picture
- Know our interdependencies
- Learn what to expect of private, tribal, and public sector response
- Know who, how, and when to call

## ESF-2 Partners (<u>Is your agency on here</u>?):







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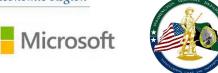




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### 3. Plan and exercise together

- Prepare communities with realistic scenarios and expectations
- Figure out interoperability challenges before disasters strike
- Overcome information sharing challenges we may have
- Identify/establish policies, guidelines, and/or agreements for company's, governments, and tribes to work together



#### 4. Establish and maintain WA State ESF 2 roster

- Know our experts, how to reach them, and when/where they will be needed
- Understand ICS/NIMS and ESF 2 specifically
- Understand activation levels and procedures for various EOCs/ECCs
- Review/update the CEMP, ESF 2 Annex, and other public telecomm documents

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## Administration of WECCWG

- WECCWG Admin: ESF 2 Coord Agency
- Membership: Open (core group of volunteers to be established)
- Schedule (triannual): Fall (Sep 29), Winter (Feb 2), Summer (TBD)
- Sponsorship: rotation/voluntary
- Location: various around state

## Administration of WECCWG



- Establishing our Core Group (14 agencies)
  - State Coord Agency (1): MIL
  - State Primary Agencies (2): UTC, WaTech
  - Local (2): City and County (ID volunteers)
  - Federal (1): FEMA
  - Private (4): Telecom Service Providers (ID volunteers)
  - Volunteer Orgs (2): RACES, ARES, SECC
  - Tribal (2): Tribal Nations and/or ATNI Telecom

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## Agenda creation for WECCWG

Will follow vision, purpose, & goals

 All participants can make suggestions; core group will finalize/approve agenda

\*Suggestion: Each meeting have a threat profile focus

 Sponsors will always have 1-hr time slot on agenda for their emergency comm topic



# **DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS?**